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When Rome controlled Britain, England was known as the province of Britannia. The Emperor Hadrian visited this province around 120 AD. Concerned about invaders, Hadrian ordered a wall to be built stretching from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. Remains of that structure, known (among other things) as Hadrian's Wall, still exist in northern England. In this public-domain image, by Velella, we see the wall as it appears just east of Cawfields Quarry and Greenhead Lough in Northumberland.

To man its defenses along Hadrian's Wall, Rome built forts, or "milecastles," at prescribed intervals.

The foundations of some of those milecastles still remain and are prominent features of English <u>walking tours</u>. The wall itself (like the later <u>Antonine</u> Wall built further <u>north</u>) conformed to the <u>surrounding</u> terrain.

A few examples will allow you to "visit" the remains:

- Milecastle 42, west of Cawfield Crags.
- Milecastle 48, near the village of Gilsland.
- Milecastle 39, from Peel Crags.
- Tracking its surrounding terrain, Hadrian's Wall was built over hills, through valleys and near water.

Scottish clans attacked and overran the wall in the 2nd and 3rd centuries. Since it was never as effective as Hadrian had hoped, it was largely <u>abandoned</u> in the <u>4th century</u>.

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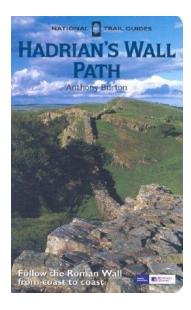
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Hadrian's Wall near Greenhead Lough

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Antonine Wall

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Map: Antonine Wall

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Hadrian's Wall - Conformed to Surrounding Terrain

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Hadrian's Wall - Milecastle 42

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Hadrian's Wall - Milecastle 48

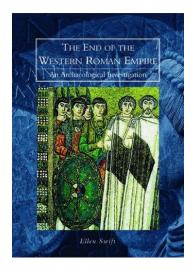
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Hadrian's Wall - Milecastles

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